

Poetry.

I WISH HE WOULD DECIDE.
With he would decide, Mamma,
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I've been a bridesmaid ten times;
When shall I be a bride?
My cousin Kate, my sister Fan,
The bupial knew have tried.

He takes me to the play, Mamma,
And speaks me pretty books,
He weds me with his eyes, Mamma,
Such pretious things he looks,
Wher'er I roam, abroad, at home,
He lingers by my side.

I come what will, I am single still—
With he would decide.

I have on many hints, Mamma,
Talk about domestic life,
And sing "They don't propose,"
But ah! how vain such pitous strain
His wavering heart to guide,
Do what I will, I'm single still,
With he would decide.

I really should insist, Mamma,
If nothing intervenes,
That brother Thomas question him,
And see what he means.
And if he wants to "break" Mamma,
My passion or my pride,
Unconquered yet shall scorn regret—
With he would decide.

Six Terrible Days.

FLOATING ON A LAKE SURROUNDED ICE ISLAND WITHOUT FOOD.

A short time ago four Shebandowan gold explorers, named Thomas Watson, George Fisher, Edward Lander and Harry Zech, started from a point on the Canadian shore, below Thunder Bay, to cross the lake to Isle Royal. The ice was supposed to be three or four feet in thickness, and they left perfectly safe in undertaking the journey. Unfortunately they made little or no provision for the trip, each supposing that the other had a plentiful supply of bread and pork in his pack.

They leisurely walked along on their course until near night-fall, when it was proposed they should stop. On opening their sacks and spreading their blankets on the ice, it was discovered that but three of them had any food whatever, and these three had but about four pounds of bread and a pound and a half of boiled beef between them. However they divided up their stock and made a tolerable meal, expecting to reach their destination next morning.

What was left of their repast, consisting of a slice of meat half an inch thick and about the size of a man's hand, and two small loaves, was gathered up, and the four walked on their journey, the night being clear and the weather calm. Toward morning, however, one of them, George Fisher, gave out, and they concluded to take a rest. So they lay down, and after conversing awhile fell asleep. When they awoke the sun was shining brightly but there was considerable wind blowing and the air was piercingly cold.

Fisher continuing to evince signs of illness, the party resolved to retrace their steps, but on walking northward for some twenty miles, to their utter astonishment and dismay they discovered that the ice on which they were was surrounded by open water on all sides; in fact, that they were on an island of ice some ten miles in circumference, as nearly as they could judge. Fears for their safety now took possession of them, and in their agony they cried aloud for relief. But no one heard their voice.

Night was fast approaching and with it came a swifter and colder wind than that which had been blowing all day. Penned in as it were, and beyond the possibility of human aid, their mental sufferings were terrible; for they beheld death staring them in the face; but added to these, came the pinching anguish of hunger.

Fisher, who had once been "cast away" on the ocean, and who appeared to be suffering from a raging fever, was the only one at this stage of their existence who appeared to realize the necessity of husbanding to the last what little they had in the way of eatables. He suggested that, as there were four of them in a bad scrape, it would be right and proper that the bread and meat on hand should be divided into four equal parts, and that each man should subdivide his allowance into six portions which, if they used but a portion a day, would sustain life for nearly a week.

His argument told on his companions in distress and they acquiesced. The bread and meat was therefore cut up into four parts and then each separated his share into six portions. By mutual consent they resolved not to eat anything until next morning; and sorrowfully they spread their blankets on the cold ice and laid down. Worn out with cold, hunger and fatigue, they soon fell into a sound slumber, from which they were aroused about day-light by the thunder-like sound caused by the cracking of the ice.

About eight o'clock a. m., this being the third day they were out, they ate their "breakfast" in silence, the meal consisting of about a mouthful of bread and a piece of beef about the size of a ten cent piece and thin as a wafer. Their feelings, as they gazed at each other, can better be imagined than described. They observed, on a close inspection, that the mass of ice on which they were was being moved northwardly, and their hopes revived. It was likewise getting colder, and they began to feel assured the open space between them and the main body of the ice would soon freeze over.

But these hopes were of short duration, for, during the approach of night, the wind veered around and blew their island westward. They were strong-hearted men, though, and Fisher, who had become rested and whose fever had left him, cheered them on and roused them up. Indeed, his courage was astonishing under the circumstances and stood in bold contrast with the

others, without him, would have laid down and died from sheer hopelessness.

That day and the two following were spent in vain lamentations at the hardness of their fate and wishes to be on shore, but no shore was within sight and the sun went down and darkness came upon them.

On the morning of the sixth day, Fisher, who may be said to be the only one among them who had ever before been in real danger, suddenly threw his cap into the air, and astonished them by yelling out "Land ho!" as he pointed to the northward. They all looked with strained eyes, and, sure enough, there it was about eight or ten miles off.

They immediately started for it on the double quick, and in about three or four hours stepped ashore at a point about six miles below a small stream emptying into the lake some ten miles east of Pigeon river. Once safe on land, the saved men became cheerful, and made their way down the lake to a hut occupied by a half-breed trapper named Walla, who kindly furnished them with coffee and food.

As he neglected to lay in a stock of Account Books, his term will invariably be C. O. D.

As it is his intention to carry on the Painting business as before, he feels grateful for the patronage bestowed upon him in the past, and hopes by diligence and prompt attention to the wants of his customers, to make up for the loss of the same.

Jan. 23.—1y.

NEW STORE: NEW GOODS

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Farm and Garden.

Select Vegetable Seeds.

In the American Agriculturist, Mr. Peter Henderson, an acknowledged authority on all that pertains to market gardening, recommends the following varieties of seeds, either for private use or market-garden culture. The several varieties are named in the order of their earliness.

Asparagus.—Van Sicklen's Colossal.

Beans, Dwarf or Bush.—Early Valentine, Early Mohawk, Refugee, Black-wax.

Beans, Pole.—Large Lima and Scarlet Runner.

Beet.—Egyptian, Dewing's Blood-Turnip, Short-Top Round, Long Smooth Red.

Broccoli.—White Cabbage and Purple Cabbage.

Brussels Sprouts.—Rosemary.

Borecole or Cale.—Dwarf Curled, Scotch Greens.

Cabbage.—Early Jersey Wakefield, Early Oxheart, Early Winningsdorf, Fottler's Brunswick Premium Flat Dutch, Large Bergen, Marble-head Mammoth, Drumhead Savoy.

Carrot.—French Forcing, Early Horn, Long Orange.

Carrot.—Extra Early Erfurt, Early Paris, Dwarf Mammoth.

Celery.—Sandringham, Dwarf White, White Solid, Hood's Dwarf Red, Dwarf White.

Cross Sweet.—Early Narragansett, Crosby's Early Sugar, Stowell's Evergreen, Mammoth Sugar.

Cucumber.—Improved White Spine, Long Green.

Cucumber.—Frame or Forcing.—Sion House, Favorite, Cuthill's Black Spine, Marquis of Lorne.

Egg-Plant.—New York Improved, Black Pekin.

Erdie.—Green and White Curled, French Moss.

Kohlrabi.—White and Purple Vienna.

Leek.—Muskeburg, Large London Flag.

Lettuce.—All the Year Round, Early Simpson, Boston Market, Butter, Drumhead or Malta, Curled India.

Melon (*Musk*).—Nutmeg, Green Citron, Skillman.

Melon (*Water*).—Phinney's Early, Long Carolina, Mountain Sweet.

Onions.—White and Red Marzajola, Early Large Red, Yellow Strasburg, White Portugal.

Parsnip.—Student.

Parsley.—More Curled, Double Curled.

Pear (*First Early*).—Carter's First Crop, Philadelphia, Extra Early, McLean's Little Gem, Blue Peter.

Pear (*Second Early*).—Laxton's Prolific, Epicurean, Dwarf Waterlooper.

Pear (*General Crop*).—Champion of England, Premier, Viesth's Perfection.

Pepper.—Large Bell, Squash.

Potato.—Early Rose, Jersey Peachblow, Peaseless, Late Rose.

Radish.—Long Short-top Scarlet, Round Short-top Scarlet, French Breakfast, China Winter, Black and White Spanish.

Rhubarb.—Lima-senas and Victoria.

Spinach.—Round.

Squash.—White and Yellow Bush, Boston Marrow, Hubbard.

Tomato.—Waring's Trophy, New York Market, General Grant.

Turnip.—Red and White Top Strap-Leaf, Yellow Globe, American Ruta-baga, Long White French.

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